



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, February 23, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross D. Ross
K. Carr K. Fallis
S. Mozdzen J. Murray
B. Sieklicki

Also Present: D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
J. Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant

Regrets: C. Ekenna
L. McConnell
M. Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. PROMISSORY NOTE

Mr. Labossiere spoke to the Promissory Note received from the Province for Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School.

The Committee agreed to bring the following recommendation as a late motion to the Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 23, 2026:

Recommendation

That the Promissory Note LTPS0855 for the purpose of borrowing the sum of One Million One Hundred Forty Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,148,100) to meet partial costs of the following:

School:
Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

Project:
Roofing Replacement

be approved.

B. MODULAR CLASSROOM REQUEST

Mr. Labossiere provided student enrolment projections for Betty Gibson, Earl Oxford and Valleyview Centennial Schools.

Betty Gibson had an enrolment of 358 students as of October 1, 2025. From 2021 to 2025, the school has increased by 37 students. With the redevelopment in the catchment, enrolment growth is expected to continue in the future. To assist with

the growing enrolment the Division is requesting one (1) modular for Betty Gibson School.

Earl Oxford had an enrolment of 407 students as of October 1, 2025. From 2021 to 2025, the school increased by 33 students. The Division is anticipating this steady growth to continue going forward. The area is going through redevelopment within the catchment with higher density housing replacing single family dwellings and new build construction apartments. BSD would prefer to renovate the interior of the school with proposed classroom recapture renovations that were submitted through the 5-year capital plan submitted in 2025. If the renovations are not approved the Division is requesting one (1) modular for Earl Oxford School.

Valleyview Centennial had an enrolment of 254 students as of October 1, 2025. From 2021 to 2025, the school has increased by 30 students and is currently over school capacity. Brandon School Division would prefer to add an appropriately sized gym for K to 8 to the school and renovate the old gym to accommodate extra classrooms as requested in the 5-year capital plan submitted in 2025. If the renovation and gym addition is not approved for Valleyview Centennial, Brandon School Division is requesting one modular classroom to provide space to alleviate over capacity issues and to keep class sizes manageable.

C. 2026-2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Mr. Labossiere spoke to the communication received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning.

Through the Funding of Schools Program, the Division will receive:

- An increase of \$303,409 or 1.0% for base support
- A decrease of (\$54,995) or (0.7%) for categorical grants
- An increase of \$3,287,542 or 10.3% for equalization
- An increase of \$960 or 0.5% for school building support
- An increase of \$53,400 or 56.0% for technology enhancement equipment (TEER)
- Harmonization grant support of \$1,071,746 to assist with teacher harmonization costs
- Other funding and grants are maintained at the 2025-2026 amounts.
- The net amount received through the Funding of Schools Program for 2026-2027 including additional operating support, special needs, the TIG, PTOG, harmonization and nutrition funding is \$83,199,274, an increase of \$4,662,062 or 5.9% over the 2025-2026 funding announcement.

Mr. Labossiere reviewed the 2026 and 2027 School Tax implications on an average single family residential property (principal residence) in Brandon with an assessed value of \$301,300 with raising school taxes to cover the preliminary budget shortfall of \$2,429,708.

Mr. Labossiere indicated that difficult budget decisions made by the Board last year assisted with this year's budget and minimizing the budget shortfall and the impact on property taxes. He provided and reviewed supporting budget documentation to assist the Board when considering the 2026-2027 budget. Mr. Labossiere answered Trustee questions.

2. **OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

A. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mr. Labossiere spoke to the letter received from the Education Funding Branch regarding Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School – Roof Replacement Phase 2 – Additional Project Support.
- Mr. Labossiere spoke to the correspondence received from Tina Choy-Pohl, CPA, Executive Director, Education Funding Branch, regarding the 2026-2027 Funding information.
- Mr. Labossiere spoke to the sponsorship request letter from the Western Manitoba Science Fair. The Committee agreed to sponsor \$2,000 as per previous years.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Sieklicki